

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

2. (Original) A cosmetic composition with dual function for skin whitening and remedy of skin wrinkles comprising: (a) an extract from a seed of *Areca catechu* and an extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* as an active ingredient; and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

3. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 2, wherein each of said extract from the seed of *Areca catechu* and said extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* is present in an amount of 0.001-1.0 wt% based on the total weight of said composition.

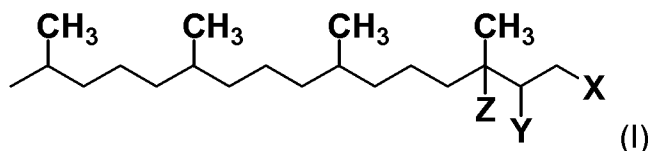
4. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 2, wherein said extract from the seed of *Areca catechu* and said extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* is entrapped into a biosome.

5. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 4, wherein said biosome is present in an amount of 0.05-20 wt% based on the total weight of said composition.

6. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 4, wherein said extract from the seed of *Areca catechu* and said extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* is entrapped into said biosome with an amount of 0.01-5.0 wt% based on the total weight of said biosome.

7. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 4, wherein said biosome is prepared by use of a non-ionic surfactant and a ceramide bound to glycerin.

8. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic composition according to claim 7, wherein said ceramide is a pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Z represents  $\text{—OH}$  and Y represents  $\text{—OH}$ ,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  with

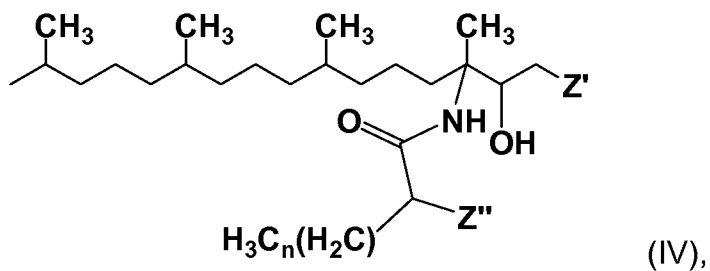
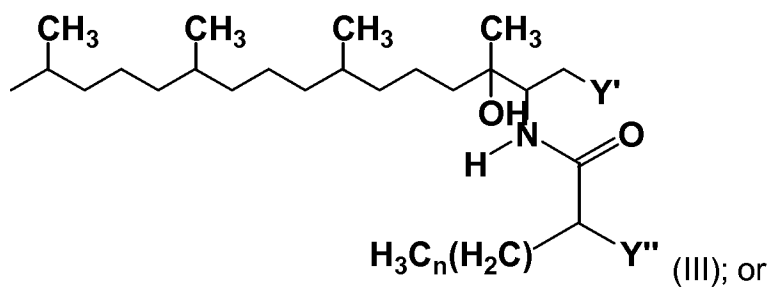
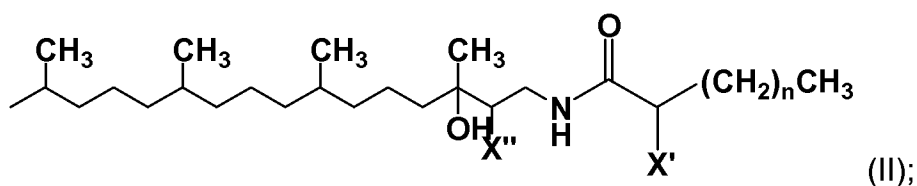
the proviso that X is  $\text{HN—C(=O)—R}$ ; Z represents  $\text{—OH}$  and X represents  $\text{—OH}$ ,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or

$\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  with the proviso that Y is  $\text{HN—C(=O)—R}$ ; Y represents  $\text{—OH}$  and X represents  $\text{—OH}$ ,

$\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  with the proviso that Z is  $\text{HN—C(=O)—R}$ ; R represents a linear or

branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon group; and when substituted, R has one or more –OH groups.

9. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 8, wherein said pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (II), (III) or (IV):



wherein X' represents H or -OH; X'' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ;

Y' represents -OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Y'' represents H or -OH; Z' represents -

OH,  $\text{—O—P(=O)(OH)—OH}$  or  $\text{—O—S(=O)(OH)—OH}$  ; Z'' represents H or -OH; and n is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 47.

10. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein said cosmetic composition is in the form of one selected from the group consisting of a solution, a suspension, an emulsion, a paste, an ointment, a gel, a cream, a lotion, a powder, a soap, a surfactant-containing cleanser, an oil, a powder foundation, an emulsion foundation, a wax foundation and a spray.